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MEMORANDUM FOR: John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

FROM

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Executive Officer, DDA

SUBJECT

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Meeting with [REDACTED]  
Center for the Studies of Intelligence

Jack:

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1. While you were on leave, [REDACTED], a DDO officer now assigned to the Center for the Studies of Intelligence with responsibility for seminars, stopped by to see me to discuss two items.

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a. Topics for Agency Speakers to Cover in Outside-the-Agency Briefings: Chuck asked if I would attend a meeting at OTR on September 9th at which topics to be used at outside briefings will be discussed, including whether the topics will be appropriate, contentious, etc. The only other person he mentioned who would be in attendance was [REDACTED], although there will be representatives from all of the Directorates. You (or Mr. Malanick) might well want to attend this meeting, and Chuck felt this might be appropriate in view of your interest in this matter.

b. Seminars on DDA Topics: Chuck has organized a series of DDI, DDO and DDS&T seminars in which a variety of issues germane to those Directorates are discussed. The method of conducting the seminars varies widely depending on the topic. Chuck asked if the DDA would be able to come up with a list of some 8 to 12 topics which might lend themselves to seminar discussion. I mentioned a couple of items off the top of my head that might be appropriate and stated that DDA topics could well involve an audience including the other three

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Directorates because our activities impact the rest of the Agency far more than they do the DDA itself. I mentioned to him that we have had some discussion in the past as to whether or not it would be appropriate to have DDA do specific studies in the Center, as opposed to having DDA officers assisting other substantive officers in their research. In general, we do not support DDA studies per se, but feel DDA officers should support other studies, as for example [REDACTED] working with a DDO officer on "Station of the Future." I submit, on the other hand, that involvement in half-day seminars with DDA activities, issues or problems up for discussion is quite different and might provide a useful platform for attacking problems.

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2. [REDACTED] will be back in touch with me in early September to get a list of seminar topics. He will also be interested to know if you or Mr. Malanick plan to attend the September 9th discussion on topics that will be suitable for external briefings. (Even should you attend, I might like to join you since I think this would be a most interesting meeting.)

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